GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOSS DUE TO CYCLONE IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the loss suffered by the people of Gujarat during 1998 cyclone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of relief sought for by the Government of Gujarat from the Central Government;

(d) the extent to which relief provided to the Government of Gujarat, so far;

(e) whether there is wide gap between the relief sought and relief provided by the Centre; and

(f) if so, whether the Government propose to reduce the gap by providing some more relief to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The June, 1998 cyclone in Gujarat resulted in death of 1261 persons,1303 were missing and damage was caused to 1.80 lakh houses. The total extent of damage was reported to be about Rs.2100 crore.

(c)&(d): The State Government had sought assistance of Rs.610.65 crore from theNational Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR). Assistance of Rs.55.35 crore as approved by National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) was released to the State.

(e)&(f): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to provide relief tothe affected people in the wake of natural calamities. The Central Government onlysupplements the efforts of the State Government .Relief is provided to the affected people as immediate succor and it is not a compensation for the losses. There is no proposal to release further assistance to the Government of Gujarat for this calamity.